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Minutes of the City and County of Honolulu
2011 COUNCIL REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Wednesday, August 24, 2011
4:00 p.m.
Council Committee Meeting Room
2nd Floor, Honolulu Hale

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the 2011 Council Reapportionment Commission was called to order by Chair Albi Mateo at 4:02 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT

Bernice Mau, City Clerk	Dawn Spurlin, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Glen Takahashi, Elections Administrator	Diane Kawauchi, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Chadd Kadota, Assistant Administrator	Krishna Jayaram, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Ciress Cuevo, Elections Specialist	
Nalie Felix, Senior Elections Clerk	
Elaine Hiromasa, Secretary to City Clerk	

II. ROLL CALL/QUORUM

Commissioners present: Mateo, Gaulty, Funakoshi, Kido, Komatsubara, Monis, Montes, Okubo – 8

Commissioners absent: Park – 1

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. June 29, 2011 Meeting
2. July 13, 2011 Meeting
3. July 27, 2011 Meeting

Chair Mateo announced that she would take up adoption of the minutes identified as Items No. 1, 2, and 3 on the agenda_together. There were no objections.

Commissioner Funakoshi moved for the minutes to be approved and Commissioner Montes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING/DISCUSSION

1. Update on State Reapportionment Commission activities and information on permanent resident population base data, David Rosenbrock, Project Manager, State Reapportionment Commission
2. Information on forming a permitted interaction group, Krishna Jayaram, Department of the Corporation Counsel
3. Update on other information requested, Glen Takahashi, Office of the City Clerk

Mr. Rosenbrock provided information on permanent resident population data base and State Reapportionment Commission activities.

Mr. Tom Smyth and Ms. Lynne Matusow provided testimony in favor of following the State Reapportionment Commission's decision to include everyone in the population base, specifically the non-residential military personnel.

Mr. Jayaram provided the Commission with a memorandum on Permitted Interaction Groups (PIG) and advised that the information provided in the memorandum is subject to the attorney client privilege.

Mr. Takahashi provided information on issues encountered in past redistricting plans and the types of local resources that are used by the military.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. For discussion and action: Population base to be used
2. For discussion and action: Guidelines/criteria for drafting proposed redistricting plan

Ms. Shannon Wood provided testimony in favor of including non-resident military personnel and their dependants. Mr. Smyth testified regarding services on military property and noted that voting is a separate issue. Ms. Matusow provided testimony on how the State Reapportionment Commission decided on the population base.

The Commission deliberated on including non-resident military personnel. In response to Vice Chair Gaulty's inquiry as to whether convicted felons who lost the right to vote should be counted in the population base, Ms. Diane Kawauchi, Deputy Corporation Counsel, advised that the lack of voting rights is not by itself a legally sufficient reason to extract any group from the population base.

Commissioner Kido moved for the population base to include everyone in the US Census count and Commissioner Montes seconded. There being no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

A recess was called at 5:22 p.m. and was reconvened by Chair Mateo at 5:32 p.m.

The Commission discussed the establishment of a PIG and guidelines for drafting a proposed redistricting plan. Commissioner Funakoshi moved for the technical staff to provide a presentation with four possible plans (one starting at Kaena point, one starting at Makapuu point, one starting from both Kaena and Makapuu points, and one based on current council districts but adjusted to reflect population changes) to be used as guidelines. Vice Chair Gaulty seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

VI. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING(S)/DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by Vice Chair Gaulty and seconded by Commissioner Kido that future meetings be scheduled on September 13, 2011 and October 5, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

After discussion, the agenda for the September 7, 2011 meeting would include a presentation by staff on proposed redistricting maps, approaches in preparing these maps and discussion on possible establishment of a PIG.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Komatsubara to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Commissioner Montes. There being no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: September 7, 2011